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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PP/OPS/EVL

SUBJECT : AEPOLE Project

The following remarks are offered in reply to the informal request of [ ] of your Branch. They represent our considered judgment and are based upon all available information.

1. The Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania maintains the following radio schedules to the target areas in Lithuania at the following times:

VATICAN	1400-1415	Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday	15120KC 11685 9645 7280 1529
VATICAN	1800-1815	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday	11685 9645 7280 1529
ROME	2000-2015	Daily	9575 6010
MADRID	1710-1725	Daily	9363 7100

2. All of the programs are identified as the voice of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania. It is believed that because radio sets in the USSR are expensive, the vast majority of the audience consists of persons of relative status and importance. In addition, the organization published a bulletin (Elta, -Lithuanian News Service) in Lithuanian, French, German, and Italian. It is believed that the Lithuanian edition has an effective circulation of approximately 2,000. It is published on a more or less weekly basis and is circulated throughout the Lithuanian communities all over Europe. Effective circulation of the German edition is believed about 500, and the circulation of the French and Italian editions may be around 200.

3. In general the content of the radio programs is strongly anti-Communist. Their avowed purpose is to maintain the native traditions of the Lithuanian people in the face of enforced Sovietization. No attempt is made to accommodate the propaganda to operate within

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the framework of Communist indoctrination. The evidence available indicates that the Soviets have so far not made appreciable progress in eradicating Lithuanian traditions and the sense of Lithuanian nationality.

4. There are regular transmissions by SR/2 to the field stations involved of guidances put out by PP/ICD. It must be recognized, however, that the VLIK is an organization of spontaneous origin and specific purposes which may not always conform to the policy of the United States. Liberation of the Lithuanian SSR is and must remain the avowed policy of the group. Every effort is made to moderate, through case officer intercession, any excessively aggressive tendencies. So far, it has been possible to analyze in some detail only the scripts from Radio Rome. From the samples so far seen, their tone, from our point of view, is not offensive. In passing, it should be noted in this connection that the State Department still maintains diplomatic relations with the diplomatic representatives of the Baltic states, and has given no indication of readiness to grant de jure recognition of the forced incorporation of the Baltic states by the USSR.

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